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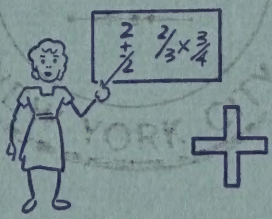
SHALL I BE AN EDUCATIONAL MISSIONARY?

Would I Be a School Teacher?



A school teacher plus! You would teach, of course, but you might also translate or write text books, organize and supervise schools. If you went to **Congo,** for instance, you would do something like this. Your day's work would start with chapel at 8:30 in the morning. One of the teachers would lead, perhaps, but you would be there to worship with them. After chapel, when pupils go to classes, you would check, as a principal, to see that everything is in order. You may have to step in and do some teaching, if one of your teachers is out. School is dismissed at noon. In the afternoon teachers would gather for normal instruction and for discussion of problems relative to the day's work.

In **Japan** where the literacy is already very high the emphasis is on kindergartens and elementary schools. As we become increasingly aware of the importance of pre-school teaching, the kindergartens present unlimited possibilities. And **Brazil** presents a still different challenge. There missionaries are put

on their mettle to meet the standard set by the government as well as the demand for education made by the people.

Is All of This So Important?

Look and see! Can you imagine any greater evangelistic opportunity than that offered in a school where you are with boys and girls six hours a day, five days of the week? We will never have enough missionaries from America to reach all the people of the countries where we have missions. From our mission schools must come preachers, doctors, teachers, and other Christian leaders who will reach the great mass of their own people with the knowledge of the loving Father revealed in the life-giving Christ.

Preparation?

The best and broadest you can get, so that you will be equipped for administrative work as well as teaching. (1) The whole field of Christian education is receiving new and deeper interest and study. You will want to know the result of the best thinking in this field. Governments are becoming more particular as to standards. We can't afford to send any but the best equipped personnel. Language study is indicated, too, depending on the field to which you are sent.

The Field?

Some fields are more urgently in need of educational missionaries than others. Write the Candidate Department, Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, Box 330, Nashville 1, Tennessee; and they will tell you all about fields, preparation and will give you any other information you desire.

Incentive?

Neither money, nor power, nor prestige are offered as an incentive to be a missionary of any kind. Only this: The Master said, "All power is given to me. Go ye therefore and teach all nations . . . . . and lo, I am with you alway."

Educators should have an A.B. or B.S. degree, one year of Bible study, and some practical experience in teaching. Graduate work in education is desirable.

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